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SUBJECT: TRAVEL PLANS: ROBERT S. WATSON, TREASURY.

1. TREASURY OFFICIAL ROBERT S. WATSON, DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCE, PLANNING TRIP WEST AFRICA AND MOROCCO MAY 18-JUNE 9 IN CONNECTION WORLD BANK GROUP OPERATIONS IN AREA. REFER TO DEPT'S A-7648, SEPTEMBER 6, 1973. SUCH VISITS ARE IN RESPONSE TO INCREASED CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITU-TIONS AND ARE IN THE INTEREST OF EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE LARGE U.S. INVESTMENTS IN THESE INSTITUTIONS. TREASURY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE IFI'S INCLUDING DEFENDING ADMINISTRATION REQUESTS FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS. EMBASSY MAY, AT ITS DISCRETION, WISH TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT IN ADVANCE OF MR. WATSON'S VISIT, EXPLAINING TREASURY'S RESPONSIBILITY AND THE U.S. INTEREST AS OUTLINED ABOVE. PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT URGENTLY IF YOU FORESEE ANY SPECIAL LOCAL PROBLEM IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ACTIVITY.

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2. ARRIVING MONROVIA 0820 MAY 19 VIA PA 180 FOR OVERNIGHT

TRANSIT STOP ENROUTE KINSHASA, DEPARTING MONROVIA 0930 MAY 20 VIA PA 182. RETURNING MONROVIA 1230 MAY 30 VIA GH 542 FROM ABIDJAN. WILL BE IN MONROVIA MAY 31, DEPARTING 1300 JUNE 1 VIA GH 546 FOR DAKAR.

- 3. EMBASSY/AID REQUESTED ARRANGE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM, LOCAL TRANSPORT AND NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT WATSON VISIT. SCHEDULE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON ON-SITE VISITS TO WORLD BANK GROUP FINANCED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS PLUS APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS WITH MISSION AND GOL OFFICIALS. IF NECESSARY, TREASURY WILL REIMBURSE TRANSPORT LOCAL COSTS.
- 4. DISCUSSIONS WITH WORLD BANK HERE (WRIGHT AND BLINKHORN) SUGGEST FEASIBILITY VISIT MT. COFFEE HYDRO PLANT, MONROVIA PORT AND MONROVIA BYPASS ROAD PROJECTS. BANK WILL BE ALERTING GOL OFFICIALS OF WATSON VISIT.
- 5. PLEASE MAKE CONFIRMED HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR DATES INDICATED AND ADVISE. FOR MAY 19 TRANSIT STOPOVER PREFER ROBERTSFIELD HOTEL. EMBASSY NEED NOT ARRANGE ANY PROGRAM FOR THAT DAY. IF FEASIBLE, RECEIPT PRELIMINARY INDICATION WATSON VISIT PROGRAM BEFORE MAY 15 WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. RUSH

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